

Animal Disease Traceability

Public Meetings

May 2010



Safeguarding Animal Health

Animal Disease Traceability Forum

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Review and clarify the new traceability framework
- Summarize March 2010 Traceability Forum with States and Tribes
- Share concepts of traceability performance standards
- Discuss and obtain feedback on traceability performance standards

Animal Disease Traceability Framework

- Preventing entry of diseases
- Successfully responding to animal diseases
- Implementing flexible, coordinated approach
- Embracing strengths and expertise of States and Tribal Nations
- Supporting with Federal funds and resources
- Developing appropriate standards

Fundamentals

- Only apply to animals moving interstate
- Build upon what has been successful
- Priority is cattle
- Get back to basics — cost effective ID
 - Use 9-character silver or “brite” tags
 - Get tags in the ears
 - Record distribution so they are traceable
- Progress over time
- Allow for advanced technology

Regulatory Changes

- Publish new animal disease traceability section
 - Only apply to animals moving interstate
- Consolidate ID regulations for disease programs in new traceability section
- Review sections 71.18 and 71.19
- Define traceability performance standards
 - Must be able to trace animals moving interstate
- Require official ID for animals moving interstate

USDA Commitments

- Capitalize on progress of NAIS
- Provide information systems
- Support the development and publication of data standards and guidelines
- Collaborate with States, Tribes, and industry
 - Working Groups and Secretary's Animal Health Advisory Committee
- Help fund implementation

VS 2015 Initiative

- Meet needs of national animal health landscape
- Driving forces: animal agriculture industry, technology, emerging diseases, food safety, expansion of international trade, and budgets
- Meet animal health challenges and become national veterinary authority of United States
- Strengthen partnerships and enhance collaboration

Moving Forward with Traceability

- Achieve basic, effective national traceability
- Not overly burdening producers
- **Only** apply to animals moving interstate
- Led and administered by States and Tribal Nations
- Ensure traceability data owned and maintained at the discretion of States and Tribes
- Encourage the use of lower cost technology

Financial Support

- Congressional support for traceability
 - Outcome-based system
 - Realistic, yet high merit results
- FY 2010
 - With carryover - \$14.3 M
- FY 2011
 - President's budget - \$14.6 M

Traceability Proposed Rule

Traceability Regulation Working Group

- **Objective:** To draft the framework of a rule whereby States and Tribes will be responsible for their animal disease traceability programs and where compliance to traceability performance standards directs interstate movement of livestock from the geographic area each State or Tribe is responsible for

State and Tribe WG Members

- Becky Brewer-Walker, Oklahoma's State Veterinarian
- Steve Crawford, New Hampshire's State Veterinarian
- Glenda Davis, Program Director, Navajo Nation Veterinary & Livestock Program
- Anita Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Keith Roehr, Colorado's State Veterinarian
- Carry Sexton, Project Coordinator, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
- Brian Thomas, Outreach Coordinator, Indian Nation Conservation Alliance
- Jim Watson, Mississippi's State Veterinarian
- Martin Zaluski, Montana's State Veterinarian

Responsibilities of the Regulation WG

- Provide input to the proposed rule on:
 1. Traceability performance standards
 2. Protocols for evaluating tracing capability
 3. Compliance factors

Obtaining Input from Industry

- APHIS provides updates on progress of the regulation working group
 - Web site, public meetings, industry meetings, State Animal Health Officials, Tribal Authorities
 - Content of the regulation
 - “For discussion” traceability performance standards

Obtaining Input from Industry (continued)

- Feedback from industry
 - Web site:
 - Traceability (www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/)
 - Public meetings (written statements through 5/31)
 - State and Tribe discussions with local industries
 - Feedback to a working group member
 - Tribal consultation
 - National industry organizations and groups

General Timeline

- Publish proposed rule winter of 2010
- 90-day comment period
- Publish final rule 8-10 months after close of comment period
- Some requirements (such as animal ID and traceability performance standards) may be phased in over time following publication of the final rule

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